

(b) whether despite assurance, the Ex-servicemen have not been rehabilitated with proper position/remuneration/promotion;

(c) whether Government would direct the Ordnance Factories Board to review the matter with a view to find out some amelioration scheme for them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d). Ex-servicemen are treated on par with all other similarly placed employees. Except for pay protection which is given according to orders in force at the time of their civilian employment, no weightage/reservation is admissible to ex-servicemen in respect of seniority or promotion. Promotions depend upon vacancies available, inter-se seniority, and individual merit. No assurance was given to the ex-servicemen regarding time bound promotion at the time of their appointment in the ordnance factories.

Grants to Anglo-Indian Educational Institutions

3842. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing grants to Anglo-Indian Educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the grounds on which grants are provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of ad-hoc grants released to the Inter State Board for Anglo-Indian Education by the Government year-wise is as under:—

| 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |

[Translation]

Goods Carriers

3843. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of goods carriers available in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the number of such carriers is increasing every year, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to deal with the additional pressure likely to be created on the roads as a result of increase in the number of the goods carriers?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.S. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (b). The requisite details are as follows:—

| Year | Total number of Goods Vehicles (in 000) | Increase (in Nos) (in 000) |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1992 | 1514 | 153 |
| 1993 | 1592 | 79 |
| 1994 (provisional) | 1630 | 58 |

(c) The following steps are taken to deal with the additional pressure likely to be created on the roads:—

- (i) Widening of 2 lane section to 4 lane section and single lane section to 2 lane section.
- (ii) strengthening soft weak 2 length stretches.
- (iii) reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges.
- (iv) provision of drug parking leybyes.
- (v) petro-reflective road signs and thermo plastic road markings.

[English]

Family Planning Programme in Rural Areas

3844. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of R&D work presently in progress for improving family planning programmes and birth control measures in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that family planning methods and birth control measures, so far developed in the country, are not getting as much publicity as is needed, particularly in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking/propose to take to give a boost to such programmes in rural and tribal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Details of R&D measures presently in